



March 18, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006034): Extends eligibility for TennCare benefits to a recipient for up to 12 months following the end of her pregnancy, regardless of a change in circumstances. Authorizes the Division of TennCare (Division) to seek a federal waiver to adjust financial eligibility levels for women who are made eligible under the proposed legislation and who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid, subject to available appropriations.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,657,500/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$8,836,700/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years

The Governor's FY23-24 proposed budget includes \$13,510,600 in state and federal funds for 12 months of postpartum coverage for TennCare enrollees.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- On April 1, 2022, the Division of TennCare (Division) expanded healthcare coverage for pregnant women from 60 days to 12 months after pregnancy as part of a postpartum extension pilot program. This program is currently in its second and final year.
- The proposed legislation will extend the pilot program indefinitely.
- It is assumed there will be approximately 3,500 pregnant women receiving an additional 10 months of coverage at an average per participant cost of \$385.55 per month, resulting in a recurring increase in expenditures of approximately \$13,494,250 (3,500 x \$385.55 x 10).
- Medicaid expenditures receive matching funds at a rate of 65.485 percent federal funds to 34.515 percent state funds. Of this amount, \$4,657,540 (\$13,494,250 x 34.515%) will be in state funds and \$8,836,710 (\$13,494,250 x 65.485%) will be in federal funds in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- The Governor's proposed FY23-24 budget includes \$13,510,648 in state and federal funds on page B-147 for making permanent 12 months of continued eligibility for mothers after giving birth.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The proposed will not have a significant impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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